

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

-v.- :

BENJAMIN BROWNE, :

Defendant. :

**FINAL ORDER OF
FORFEITURE**

09 Cr. 607 (KMK)

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WHEREAS, on or about April 6, 2023, this Court entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Substitute Assets (D.E. 13) (the “Preliminary Order of Forfeiture”), which ordered the forfeiture to the United States of all right, title and interest of BENJAMIN BROWNE (the “Defendant”) in the following property, among other property:

\$1,097 in United States currency in the possession of the United States Marshals Service, representing income tax return refund paid to the Defendant on or about February 22, 2017 that was intercepted by the Treasury Offset Program,

(the “Substitute Assets”);

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture directed the United States to publish, for at least thirty (30) consecutive days, notice of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of the United States’ intent to dispose of the Substitute Assets, and the requirement that any person asserting a legal interest in the Substitute Assets must file a petition with the Court in accordance with the requirements of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853(n)(2) and (3). Pursuant to Section 853(n), the United States could, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an alleged interest in the Substitute Assets and as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified;

WHEREAS, the provisions of Title 21, United State Code, Section 853(n)(1), Rule 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules G(4)(a)(iv)(C) and G(5)(a)(ii) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Assets Forfeiture Actions, require publication of a notice of forfeiture and of the Government's intent to dispose of the Substitute Assets before the United States can have clear title to the Substitute Assets;

WHEREAS, the Notice of Forfeiture and the intent of the United States to dispose of the Substitute Assets was posted on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) beginning on May 3, 2023, for thirty (30) consecutive days, through June 1, 2023, pursuant to Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty and Maritime Claims and Assets Forfeiture Actions and proof of such publication was filed with the Clerk of the Court on October 2, 2023 (D.E. 18);

WHEREAS, thirty (30) days have expired since final publication of the Notice of Forfeiture and no petitions or claims to contest the forfeiture of the Substitute Assets have been filed;

WHEREAS, the Defendant is the only person and/or entity known by the government to have a potential interest the Substitute Assets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(7), the United States shall have clear title to any forfeited property if no petitions for a hearing to contest the forfeiture have been filed within thirty (30) days of final publication of notice of forfeiture as set forth in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

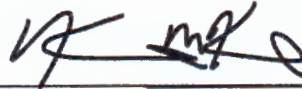
1. All right, title and interest in the Substitute Assets is hereby forfeited and vested in the United States of America, and shall be disposed of according to law.

2. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(7) the United States of America shall and is hereby deemed to have clear title to the Substitute Assets.

3. The United States Marshals Service (or its designee) shall take possession of the Substitute Assets and dispose of the same according to law, in accordance with Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(h).

Dated: New York, New York
October 2, 2023

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Karas', is written over a horizontal line.

HONORABLE KENNETH M. KARAS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE